

COBWRA

COALITION OF BOYNTON WEST
RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • MAY 20, 2020 • VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

SENATOR LORI BERMAN

- Is addressing Unemployment Insurance issues. Currently, 600,000 of 1.6 million claims have not been processed. For information or assistance, call Senator Berman's office at 561.292.6014

REPRESENTATIVE EMILY SLOSBERG

- Expressed concern for workers 65 years of age and older and individuals with underlying health conditions who feel unsafe returning to work.
- Announced that the County will be offering grants for small businesses with fewer than 25 employees.
- Two COVID-19 test sites available. Asymptomatic people should call 561.642.1000. Symptomatic people can call 561.804.0250. If help is needed call Representative Slosberg's office at 561.496.5940.

COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER

- Reported that the County Commission is beginning to work on the annual budget.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL

- Is working on plans for the Sunset Palms Middle School, the opening of South Tech Academy and various school boundary issues. COBWRA 2nd VP Steve Wallace has been appointed to the School Boundary Committee.

SHERIFF RIC BRADSHAW

- Explained that PBSO is responsible for enforcing the COVID-19 Emergency Orders
- Phase One of the re-opening is going well and the County will be beginning Phase 2 shortly.
- The Courthouse has remained open.
- There are no cases of COVID-19 at the main detention center; however there was a brief outbreak at the Glades detention center.
- PBSO has begun working with Fire Rescue and Emergency Management preparing for hurricane season.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- The District 6 Lobby remains closed. To obtain reports, contact the PBSO Central Records Department.
- Unlocked vehicles remain a problem with six cars being broken into in the past month with 3 of them containing guns.
- Residents can help the Sheriff's office by seeing, saying and doing something. Doing refers to calling the Sheriff...not pursuing the law breakers. For assistance go to <https://www.pbso.org>.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2020 – Via Teleconference
Meet the Judicial Candidates Forum

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Sharon Reuben

PBC FIRE RESCUE BATALLION CHIEF ANTHONY TOZZI

- PBC Fire Rescue sent a team to Collier County to assist with a massive brush fire.
- PBCFR is currently preparing for hurricane season.
- PBC FIRE CHIEF DUREN sent a message reminding people that Fire Rescue has COVID-19 mobile testing available, with home testing available to individuals who can't leave their homes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

DONALD E. FENNOY II, ED.D

- Virtual graduation ceremonies begin next week and will be live streamed.
- The School District has delivered more than 2 million meals at 51 sites on Tuesdays and Thursdays since March 16.
- Summer learning will be through the District website.
- Summer camps that use District buildings have been cancelled.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BETH RAPPAPORT

- COBWRA is continuing efforts to prevent land use changes within the Ag Reserve.
- In addition to the Lake Worth Drainage District's scheme to sell 313 acres of canal rights of way as development rights, which would permit the building of more than 300 homes within the Ag Reserve, there are multiple Ag Reserve private text amendment requests being considered by the County.
- COBWRA continues to advocate for the completion of the Canyons Middle School, Park and Library.
- President Rappaport reminded Delegates that they can still complete their CENSUS.
- On behalf of the Health & Wellness Committee, President Rappaport announced that May is Mental Health Month.

FEATURED PRESEDNTATION: VOTE-BY-MAIL 101

Presented by Wendy Sartory Link, PBC Supervisor of Elections

- There are three ways to vote: 1) Early Voting Sites, 2) Vote-By-Mail (VBM), and 3) Polling Locations.
- The SOE office is purchasing PPE and plastic partitions to provide safety for the poll workers as well as the voters.
- VBM ballot applications and ballots are postage prepaid.
- VBM Application Request Forms will be mailed to all voters who have not previously requested a VBM application.
- The ballots will be mailed to residents' home address or to an address where residents will be at election time.
- Ballots cannot be forwarded.
- VBM ballots can be mailed, dropped off at Early Voting sites or cancelled at polling locations if voters decide they prefer to vote in person.
- If there are changes that need to be made to Voter Registration forms such as party affiliation, change of address or update of signatures the forms can be accessed at <https://pbcelections.org> or by calling 561.656.6200.